



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 6th JUNE

Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting starting between about 2.15pm-2:30pm or as soon as everyone is seated and has obtained refreshments.

APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE u3a COMMITTEE

We are always encouraging our u3a members to join our Committee. The idea is to give an opportunity to members to take an interest in how our organisation is run. It is not essential but you might have had past experience or the skills needed to support, plan or organise. If you are interested and feel you would like to help, in any way, to maintain or develop the Radcliffe on Trent u3a please speak to any u3a helper or committee member at our monthly meetings.

To date we have had no success with our search for a new Treasurer and Speaker Finder. These are both crucial roles but with different skill sets.

WITHOUT A TREASURER IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR OUR U3a TO CONTINUE. TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Please talk to any committee member or email the editors

FROM THE CHAIR

What goes on in the Background

Many of you will know that we have set up a new Table Tennis Group, but what you may not appreciate is the work that goes on in the background to enable this to happen. In this instance, our Groups Coordinator checked out 5 or 6 local venues against the criteria that they should a) be able to accommodate Table Tennis and b) have capacity to store the Table Tennis Table when not in use. This latter requirement to store the table ruled out most possible premises with the exception of the Shelford Village Hall and Boys Brigade Hall in Radcliffe, both of which already have a table, which is suitable for use by our Group.

After consultation with those who registered an interest in playing, it was decided to use the Boys Brigade Hall located in the centre of Radcliffe and thus convenient for most people. We have only needed to purchase Table Tennis Bats, Balls and a new Net and by the time you read this the Group will have started playing.

Recently another committee member went through a similar experience in setting up two new Tai Chi Groups, both of which were initially very successful. However, we have since had to close them both down as a u3a group, although they continue as a commercial venture. This was because no member was willing to become Group Leader and undertake the very limited tasks needed for the Group to continue under the auspices of our u3a.

So, what are the tasks imposed on the Group Leader to ensure a Group remains viable? Basically these include unlocking the venue (if applicable), and securing when leaving. Keeping a register of members and collecting their payments. These tasks can be shared amongst group members to reduce the burden on the Group Leader. Monies collected can be handed to the Treasurer at the monthly meeting in Grange Hall. To ensure the group succeeds it is vital that its members keep in touch with the leader (eg by WhatsApp or Email) to advise if they are not able to attend a meeting.

There are over 40 thriving groups in Radcliffe and the members of the Committee are always available to support our Groups, but cannot be responsible for the day to day running of those Groups.

We rely on and thank all of our Group Leaders for without them our u3a could not exist.

George Roberts

BOULES GROUP

We have started our new season with a couple of detailed changes. We need two new players and a new Group Leader.

Being a new player should not stop anyone applying. We are such a relaxed Group that we might even prefer someone who has never played before!

Don't be put off by not having a set of Boules either. We have collected several sets over the years as players have had to retire.

We are in the process of appointing a new Group Leader. If you are not careful you could even be elected as my replacement as soon as you apply!

Contact **Al Reed** on almo9@btinternet.com

AVIATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on Tuesday 4 June at 2pm in the Trent Room in the Grange Hall.

There is a £4 entrance charge – cash only please.

Our speaker will be our old friend, Brian Cleary, who will talk about: **The activities of No 51 Sqn in the Cold War.**

51 Sqn is the RAF's intelligence gathering Sqn, (known as the sneaky-beaky Sqn!) and is, and always has been, deeply shrouded in secrecy. Brian will talk about some of its activities in the Cold War that are now declassified.

Contact - **Adrian Cresswell** on crela7@gmail.com

u3a "JIVING FOR FUN" GROUP
Radcliffe On Trent

**AN AFTERNOON OF
"LIVE" TRAD JAZZ
KEN GODFREY'S (6-PIECE)
CENTRAL JAZZ BAND**



**WED JUNE 19TH 2024 3-5PM
RADCLIFFE BRITISH LEGION
£5 ON THE DOOR**

**JIVING OPTIONAL! CASH BAR OPEN!
NON-MEMBERS WELCOME**

Trips and Outings Group**Trentham Gardens & World of Wedgwood**

We have planned a visit to Trentham Gardens & the World of Wedgwood on Tuesday 17th September. At Trentham Gardens you will have the option of exploring the Shopping Village with its wide range of interesting shops and cafe. Next door to the Village is the excellent Garden Centre with a wide selection of Plants side by side with Garden Furniture, clothing and many useful household items.

(For those who are interested in visiting the Garden this will involve an additional fee of £11-50.)

We will leave Trentham for short journey to Wedgwood at 12-30pm, arriving about 1pm. We will split into 2 groups of 25 at 1-30pm and 1-45pm respectively for a Tour of the Factory. We will then move to the Tea Room for Afternoon Tea

Following which there will be time to visit the Museum and Factory Shop before we re-join the coach for our trip back to Radcliffe. So a full and interesting day is guaranteed.



Wedgwood Museum



Shopping & Garden Centre



Wedgwood Gardens

Entrance to Trentham Gardens Shopping Village and The Garden Centre is free.

The cost including Coach Travel, entrance to Wedgwood, including a 45 minute Guided Tour of the Wedgwood Factory, followed by Afternoon Tea and a visit to the Museum and Shop is £30-00 (but see note above) Tickets onsale on 6th June.

Contact **George Roberts** on gjandm.roberts@gmail.com

URGENT PS Due to a member's ill health we have 2 tickets available for the Kilworth Theatre show "Singing in the Rain" on 3rd July. .

If interested please contact George Roberts (see above) or Sandra Straw on sandrastraw50@gmail.com

THE FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP A

In April the Friendship Group had lunch at The Buttercross in Bingham Market Place before going to view the Art Exhibition in Bingham Library in the precinct where the Grange Art Group from Radcliffe had displayed their artwork during the month. (See photo)
For further details about the group contact

Rodney Fogg Tel : 07971537119



The interest groups you could enjoy if a member of Radcliffe on Trent u3a

Our Members Week

On a Monday

Weekly : Boules : Bridge : Croquet : Keep Fit : IT Skills

Monthly : Film Appreciation : Friendship & Support A : Friendship & Support B

On a Tuesday

Weekly : Lets Go Bowling

Fortnightly : **French Conversation**

Monthly : Aviation : French Beginners : Photography

Knit & Natter : Wine Tasting

On a Wednesday

Weekly : Fit & Toned : Strictly Jive : Scottish Country Dancing

Fortnightly : **Art : Table Tennis**

Monthly : Discussion : Healthy Eating/Cooking : Geology & Environment

Real Ale Group : Saxondale Lunch Group

On a Thursday

Weekly : Ukulele (Sept to April)

Fortnightly : **Ukulele (May to July)**

Monthly : Gardening ; Family History ; Poetry : Play Reading

Wine Appreciation : Classical Music : Ukulele

Monthly Members Meeting in the Grange Hall usually with a Speaker

On a Friday

Weekly : Archaeology

Fortnightly : **Canasta : Scrabble : Whist : Board Games**

Monthly : Pub Trail : Books

Ad hoc Groups – Days Vary

Trips & Outings : Coach trips to interesting places.

Coffee Morning Welcome Meetings - Local Trips & Outings via Car & Bus

Church Visits : Walking : 3 Luncheon Groups

A Warm Welcome Awaits You

Why not consider joining us, make new friends, learn new things and use your time in a most positive way.

Contact : George Roberts – 07971 593802

Have a look on our website >>>>> rot.u3a.org.uk

Correct as at May 2024 – Subject to change

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

To all our Group Leaders thank you for articles and contributions especially photos to keep members informed of what you do.

Please continue to send us your items, articles, photos or sketches to: radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is our JULY Issue No 91

The deadline for articles please is 21st JUNE, 2024

The editors assume we have your permission to quote e-mail addresses and telephone numbers unless you advise us not to. Please also let us know who took the photos you submit. Thanks

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors